WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Review of Trade Agreements

† 2349. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on Trade and Economic Relation has reviewed different trade agreements in its meeting held recently;

(b) if so, the decisions taken in the review meeting;

(c) whether decision to formulate a job oriented policy was also taken in the meeting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Trade and Economic Relations Committee (TERC) headed by the Prime Minister met in the month of June, 2005 where a presentation on "India's engagement in Regional Trading Arrangements" was made by Department of Commerce. The following decisions were taken by the TERC in respect of Regional Trade Agreements:—

With regard to Preferential Trade Agreements/Free Trade Agreements/ Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreements, the progress of ongoing negotiations to be periodically reported to the TERC for its guidance.

Prepare discussions papers for enhancement of level of economic engagement for South-Asia, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of medicines

2350. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of pharmaceuticals to foreign countries during the last one year;

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(b) what are the names of the first ten pharma companies who have achieved maximum export orders of pharmaceuticals; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for companies in their plans to export more pharma stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S ELANGOVAN): (a) Exports of pharmaceuticals during 2004-05 amounted to US$ 3712.57 million (provisional).

(b) Export figures of individual companies for 2004-05 are not readily available. However, some of the leading pharmaceutical exporters in the previous years have been Ranbaxy Laboratories, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Cipla, Lupin, IPCA Laboratories, Orchid Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals, Divi's Laboratories, Wockhardt, Strides Arcolab, Matrix Laboratories etc.

(c) Government have been taking a number of steps to promote the exports of pharmaceuticals, which *inter-alia* includes assistance under the marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme to participate in Trade Delegations/Buyer Seller Meets and Exhibitions/Fairs abroad; opening of Showrooms/Warehouses, Publicity Campaign and Brand Promotion, Research and Product Development, Registration Charges for product registration abroad etc. under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.

Import and export of bulk drugs

2351. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports and exports large number of bulk drugs;

(b) if so, what are the names of these bulk drugs imported and exported;

(c) what is the quantity and value of each bulk drug imported and exported, during 2003-2004; and

(d) what are developmental plan and non-plan schemes and policy measures to increase exports and be self-sufficient in others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.